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British Medical Association

ANNUAL MEETING—BIRMINGHAM, JULY 10-18, 1958

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Executive Officer: Miss B. E. MIDDLEMISS, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

The 126th Annual Meeting of the British Medical Association will be held in Birmingham from Thursday, July 10, to Friday, July 18, inclusive.

The Annual Representative Meeting will be held in the Great Hall of the University, Edgbaston. It will begin on Thursday, July 10, and will continue on Friday, Saturday, and Monday, July 11, 12, and 14.

On the evening of Wednesday, July 9, there will be a Cocktail Party for Representatives and their Ladies, arranged by the Midland Branch, to be held in the Grand Hotel.

A combined Dinner for Representatives and their Ladies will take place at the Grand Hotel on Thursday, July 10, followed by a Dance.

The Overseas Luncheon has been arranged for Friday, July 11, at 1 p.m., at the Edgbaston Golf Club.

On Sunday, July 13, there will be an all-day tour to Warwick Castle and Stratford-on-Avon. In addition, it is hoped to arrange an afternoon excursion. In the evening a Symphony Concert, sponsored by Ciba Laboratories, Ltd., will be given by the City of Birmingham Symphony Orchestra in the Town Hall.

The Adjourned Annual General Meeting and President's Address will take place in the Great Hall of the University on the evening of Monday, July 14; and the President's Reception, which follows, will be held in Nuffield House, Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

The Annual Scientific Meeting and associated functions occupy the period from Monday, July 14, to the evening of Friday, July 18.

The Official Religious Service will be held in St. Philip's Cathedral on the afternoon of Tuesday, July 15. The address will be given by the Right Reverend the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.

There will be a Roman Catholic Service on the morning of July 13 in St. Chad's Cathedral and a Jewish Service on the morning of July 12 at the Synagogue, Singers Hill.

The Annual Dinner of the Association will be held in the Grand Hotel on Tuesday, July 15.

There is to be a full social programme, including a Civic Reception on Wednesday evening, July 16, and a University Reception on Thursday evening, July 17.

There will be a Sonata Recital by Yfrah Neaman (violin) and Howard Ferguson (piano) in the Barber Institute of Fine Arts, Edgbaston, on Saturday evening, July 12.

The Annual Breakfast of the Christian Medical Fellowship will be held on Tuesday, July 15, at 8.15 a.m.

Several special visits and excursions are being arranged for ladies accompanying members.

The usual Golf Competitions will take place on July 16 and 17. The Ladies' Golf Competition will take place on July 11.

The Overseas Conference will be held on the afternoon of Wednesday, July 16.

The Reception Bureau for Registration will be open in the Entrance Hall of the University on Monday, July 14, at 9 a.m.

Each day of the Scientific Meeting there will be a programme of surgical operations and clinical demonstrations from the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, shown by colour television on a closed circuit. The technical arrangements will be sponsored by Smith, Kline, and French Laboratories, Ltd. The colour television programme will include the following subjects: open cardiotomy; peripheral arterial grafting; palmar fasciectomy; management of ileostomy; haemorrhoidectomy; hypothermia for craniotomy; hypophysectomy for breast carcinoma.

Two Plenary Scientific Sessions have been arranged as follows: Wednesday, July 16, at 10.30 a.m., subject "Rehabilitation"; Thursday, July 17, at 2.30 p.m., subject "Chemotherapy of Infections."

In addition, three Round-table Conferences will be held concurrently on Wednesday, July 16, from 9.15 to 10.15 a.m.

The nineteen Scientific Sections will hold meetings, details of which are given below.

Both the Scientific Exhibition and the Annual Exhibition of Pharmaceutical Products, Instruments, Appliances, and Medical Publications will be held in a marquee to be erected in the University Forecourt, and will be open daily from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. from July 14 to 18. Further details will be published later.

REGULATIONS REGARDING DRESS

Academic Dress is to be worn at the President's Address, the President's Reception, the Official Religious Service, the Roman Catholic Service, the Civic Reception, and the University Reception.

Robes may be hired from Messrs. Ede & Ravenscroft, Ltd., 93, Chancery Lane, London, W.C.2. Early application is advised, as the supply of gowns is limited, and it is suggested that the gowns be sent to the home address of the individual concerned.

Evening Dress (Tails or Dinner Jacket), with Decorations, is to be worn at the President's Reception, Civic Reception, University Reception, and Annual Dinner. Evening Dress without Decorations should be worn at the Representatives' Dinner and the Representatives' Dance.

HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

The following is a preliminary list of *hotel* accommodation available in Birmingham and district. Members wishing to reserve accommodation are asked to write direct to the hotel, *stating that they are attending the B.M.A. Meeting. The Association cannot accept responsibility for any of the prices stated below.* These are the tariffs ruling at the moment and are subject to alteration without notice. Applicants should therefore verify the tariffs when making their reservations. Early application for accommodation is recommended.

For University hostel accommodation (Manor House or University House) requests should be made to the Executive Officer, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1, and *not* direct to the hostel.

Name and Address of Hotel	Tel. No.	No. of Beds	Miles from University	Tariff B/B
Hotels in Birmingham Area				
*Arden Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, 5	MIDland 1029	50	3	23/6
Binton Barn Hotel, 127, Portland Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 16	EDGbaston 4079	10	1½	22/-
*Cobden Hotel, Cherry St., Birmingham, 2	CENtral 5307	50	3	21/-
Imperial Hotel, Temple Street, Birmingham, 2	MIDland 6751	50	3	From 27/6
Midland Hotel, New Street, Birmingham, 2	MIDland 2601	70	3	From 39/6
New Victoria Hotel, Corporation Street, Birmingham, 2	MIDland 5313	30	3	26/-
*Norfolk Hotel, 263/267, Hagley Road, Birmingham, 16	EDGbaston 0670	50	2	From 22/6
Queens Hotel, Stephenson Street, Birmingham, 2	MIDland 4433	134	3	45/-
George Hotel, High Street, Solihull, Warwickshire	Solihull 1343	24	4	30/-
Shirley Park Hotel, Greynolds Lane, Monkspath, Shirley, Nr. Birmingham	SHIrley 1011	12	4½	25/6
Royal Hotel, Sutton Coldfield	Sutton 1177	16	7½	From 25/-
Airport Hotel, Elmdon, Nr. Birmingham	SHEldon 2476	22	7½	25/6
University Halls of Residence				
*The Manor House, Bristol Road, Northfield, Birmingham, 31. (*Men only*)		64 S.	2	25/-
*University House, Edgbaston Park Road, Birmingham, 15. (*Men or women*)		6 S. 8 D.		21/-
Hotels Outside Birmingham Area				
Chadwick Manor Hotel, Knowle, Warwicks	Knowle 2821	10	10	35/- 50/-
Station Hotel, Birmingham Road, Dudley	Dudley 3418	30	10	From 27/6
Victoria Hotel, Lichfield Street, Wolverhampton	Wolverhampton 20641	50	13	From 28/6
Stewponey Hotel, Stourton, Stourbridge, Worcs	Kinver 35	10	15	From 25/-
Leofric Hotel, Coventry	Coventry 41371	80	18	From 37/6
Chateau Impney Hotel, Droitwich Spa	Droitwich 2361	48	19	32/6–50/-
Raven Hotel, St. Andrews Street, Droitwich Spa	Droitwich 2224	20	20	From 31/6
Swan Hotel, Alcester	Alcester 11	12	20	From 35/-
Crown Hotel, Coventry Road, Warwick	Warwick 187	18	21	From 20/-
Alveston Manor Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon	Stratford 2418	80	23	From 23/6
Avonside Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon	Stratford 334011	40	23	From 20/-
Manor House Hotel, Avenue Road, Leamington Spa	Leamington 8302	30	23	27/6–45/-
New Place Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon	Stratford 2018	18	23	From 15/6
Oaks Hotel, Warwick Place, Leamington Spa	Leamington 8869	24	23	From 22/6
Red Horse Hotel, Stratford-on-Avon	Stratford 3211	10	23	27/6–43/-
Regent Hotel, The Parade, Leamington Spa	Leamington 1702	20	23	From 30/-
Spa Hotel, Holly Walk, Leamington Spa	Leamington 656	30	23	From 22/6
Swan House Hotel, Wilmcote, Stratford-on-Avon	Stratford 2030	15	23	From 15/6
Swan's Nest Hotel, Bridgefoot, Stratford-on-Avon	Stratford 2654	20	23	From 25/-

* Unlicensed. S. = Single. D. = Double.

CARAVAN PARK

Arrangements are being made for B.M.A. Members attending the Annual Meeting who wish to bring their caravans, and further particulars will shortly be available.

Applications for space should be made as soon as possible to Dr. C. F. Donovan, 480, Bristol Road, Selly Oak, Birmingham, 29, stating name, address, registration number of car, and intended date of arrival and departure.

TICKETS

No tickets for functions or excursions can be issued in advance, with the exception of the Annual Dinner (details of which are given below).

All tickets for functions up to Sunday, July 13, will be available for Representatives at the A.R.M. Inquiry Office, Great Hall, University, on July 9, 10, 11, and 12, and for ladies at the Ladies' Club, Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road.

Tickets for all other functions after Sunday, July 13, will be available from Monday, July 14, at the Reception Bureau, Entrance Hall, University, or at the Ladies' Club.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner at Birmingham this year will take place on Tuesday, July 15, in the Grand Hotel. The maximum number which the room can take is 400. Arrangements for advance booking will be announced in a later issue of the *Supplement*.

EDINBURGH GRADUATES' DINNER

The Edinburgh Graduates' Dinner will be held at the Birmingham Medical Institute, 36, Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15, on Friday, July 11, at 7.30 for 8 p.m. All Edinburgh graduates attending the A.R.M., or resident in the area, together with their ladies and guests, will be welcome. Tickets (30s. each, including aperitifs but not wines) may be had on application, with remittance, to Dr. E. R. C. Walker, 7, Drumsheugh Gardens, Edinburgh, 3.

GLASGOW GRADUATES' DINNER

The Glasgow Graduates' Dinner will be held in the Queen's Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 12, at 7.30 for 8 p.m. The dinner is open to Glasgow graduates who are attending the Annual Meeting, or who are resident in the area, together with their ladies and guests. Tickets will cost 30s. each, including cocktails but excluding wines. Numbers are limited to 200, and early application, with appropriate remittance, should be made to Dr. J. T. McCutcheon, British Medical Association, Glasgow Regional Office, 234, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, C.2. (Dress—Dinner Jackets.)

WELSH DINNER

The Welsh Dinner will be held in the Medical Institute, 36, Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15, at 7.30 p.m., on Saturday, July 12. All Welsh Representatives, Welsh graduates, and others with Welsh associations, accompanied by their ladies, will be welcome at this dinner. Tickets, 27s. 6d. per head (exclusive of wines), may be obtained on application, with remittance, to Dr. S. J. Hadfield, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

IRISH GRADUATES' DINNER

The Irish Graduates' Dinner will be held in the Grand Hotel, Birmingham, on Saturday, July 12, at 7.30 for 8 p.m. All Irish graduates are welcome. Tickets (30s. each) may be had on application, with remittance, to Mr. Hugh Carson, 21, St. Mary's Road, Harborne, Birmingham, 17. (Limited to 40.)

CHRISTIAN MEDICAL FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL BREAKFAST

The Annual Breakfast of the Christian Medical Fellowship will be held in the Guild of Undergraduates' Union, Birmingham, on Tuesday, July 15, at 8.15 a.m. The Chairman will be Professor A. P. Thomson (President-Elect of the B.M.A.), and the speaker will be Paul W. Brand, Associate Professor of Orthopaedic Surgery, Christian Medical College, Vellore, South India. Subject: Science and Faith: Their Place in Rehabilitation. The proceedings will terminate at 9.15 a.m. Those intending to be present are asked to notify Mr. Douglas MacG. Jackson, 29, Hamilton Avenue, Harborne, Birmingham, 17.

MIDLAND CATHOLIC MEDICAL SOCIETY

There will be a Pontifical High Mass for Catholic doctors attending the B.M.A. Meeting at St. Chad's Cathedral, Bath Street, Birmingham, at 10.30 a.m. on Sunday, July 13.

Academic Dress will be worn and robing will take place in the School Hall, Shadwell Street. Following this there will be a reception and luncheon in the Medical Institute Hall, 36, Harborne Road, Edgbaston. Members and wives will be welcome. Tickets for the Luncheon, price £1 1s., may be obtained from the A.R.M. Inquiry Office.

JEWISH SERVICE

A special Service will be held on Saturday, July 12, at 10 a.m., at the Birmingham Hebrew Congregation, Singers Hill Synagogue (Blucher Street), for all visiting Jewish doctors. The Service will be conducted by the Rev. Dr. Chaim Pearl, and a reception will be held in the Communal Hall of the Synagogue after the Service.

A Service will also be held on Friday, July 11, at 8.15 p.m., at the Liberal Synagogue, Sheepcote Street.

FREEMASONS' LODGE

A suggestion has been made that a Freemasons' Lodge should be held on Saturday evening, July 12, for Representatives who are Masons to attend. Would any member interested kindly communicate with Dr. J. W. Brown, B.M.A. Regional Office, 36, Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15? It must be realized that such a meeting will be possible only if sufficient support is forthcoming.

LADIES' CLUB

The Ladies' Club, information bureau, and registration desk will be open daily from 9.30 a.m. till 6 p.m. at Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15. Reading-rooms, powder-rooms, and telephones will be available, and light luncheons, morning coffee, and afternoon tea will be obtainable each day.

Visitors residing outside the city are offered changing-rooms for evening functions in private homes near the City Centre. Tours to local places of interest will be arranged daily. Ladies arriving by bus from the City Centre and other districts will be met at the nearest bus stop throughout the day by private cars to facilitate easy access to Winterbourne.

SCIENTIFIC MEETING, JULY 14-18

All Scientific Meetings to be held in the University, Edgbaston, Birmingham. Exact location to be notified later.

PLENARY SESSIONS

Wednesday, July 16, at 10.30 a.m.: "Rehabilitation"

Chairman: Dr. DONALD STEWART (Birmingham).

Speakers: Professor R. E. TUNBRIDGE (Leeds); Mr. L. W. PLEWES (Dunstable); Dr. MAXWELL JONES (Sutton, Surrey); Dr. F. S. COOKSEY (London); Dr. A. A. WHITE (Birmingham).

Thursday, July 17, at 2.30 p.m.: "Chemotherapy of Infections"

Chairman: Professor D. M. DUNLOP (Edinburgh).

Speakers: Professor J. W. HOWIE (Glasgow); Professor C. H. STUART-HARRIS (Sheffield); Professor J. W. CROFTON (Edinburgh); Professor A. C. FRAZER (Birmingham).

ROUND-TABLE CONFERENCES

Wednesday, July 16, from 9.15 to 10.15 a.m.

I. ARRANGED BY THE SECTION OF MEDICINE: THE DANGERS OF SMOKING

Chairman: Professor H. SCARBOROUGH (Cardiff).

Panel: Dr. E. BULMER (Birmingham), Mr. W. H. BOND (Birmingham), Dr. C. R. LOWE (Birmingham), Dr. A. M. NUSSEY (Birmingham).

II. ARRANGED BY THE SECTIONS OF SURGERY AND CHILD HEALTH: THE RIGHT AGE FOR PLANNED SURGERY

Chairman: Dr. D. V. HUBBLE (Derby).

Panel: Mr. A. L. D'ABREU (Birmingham), Mr. INNES WILLIAMS (London), Dr. J. APLEY (Bristol), Mr. O. MANSFIELD (Birmingham).

III. ARRANGED BY THE SECTION OF OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY: THE FATHER'S PLACE AT THE CONFINEMENT

Chairman: Mr. OSWALD LLOYD (Cambridge).

Panel: Dr. BARBARA PARKER (Birmingham), Professor W. C. W. NIXON (London), Miss N. DEANE (midwife, Bristol).

SCIENTIFIC SECTIONS

MEDICINE

President: Professor W. MELVILLE ARNOTT, T.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.Ed. (Birmingham).

Vice-Presidents: E. BULMER, C.B.E., T.D., M.D., F.R.C.P., F.R.C.P.Ed. (Birmingham); A. M. NUSSEY, M.D., F.R.C.P. (Birmingham); Professor M. L. ROSENHEIM, C.B.E., F.R.C.P. (London); Professor HAROLD SCARBOROUGH, M.B., Ph.D., F.R.C.P.Ed., F.R.S.Ed. (Cardiff).

Hon. Secretaries: G. E. O. WILLIAMS, M.D., M.R.C.P., 111, Harborne Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 15; S. R. F. WHITTAKER, M.D., F.R.C.P., 3, Bridge End, Warwick.

Monday, July 14.—2.30 p.m. The Management of Poliomyelitis. Dr. W. RITCHIE RUSSELL (Oxford), Professor G. W. A. DICK (Belfast), Dr. J. F. GALPINE (Coventry), Dr. J. KNOWELDEN (London).

Tuesday, July 15.—9.30 a.m. The Physician and Hospital Planning. Mr. L. FARRER BROWN (Nuffield Foundation), Professor T. MCKEOWN (Birmingham), Dr. G. D. GODBER (Ministry of Health), Dr. J. FRY (Beckenham).

Wednesday, July 16.—9.15 a.m. Round-table Conference: The Dangers of Smoking.

2.30 p.m. Combined meeting with Sections of Surgery and Gastro-enterology on Peptic Ulcer. General introduction, Dr. F. AVERY JONES (London); Incidence of Peptic Ulcer in York and its Environs, Dr. C. N. PULVERTAFT (York); Gastrectomy in the Treatment of Peptic Ulcer, Mr. HERMON TAYLOR (London); Treatment of Peptic Ulcer with Vagotomy and "Drainage" Operation, Mr. R. L. HOLT (Manchester); concluding remarks, Professor F. A. R. STAMMERS (Birmingham).

SURGERY

President: Professor F. A. R. STAMMERS, C.B.E., T.D., Ch.M., B.Sc., F.R.C.S. (Birmingham).

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Hon. Secretaries: D. ST. C. L. HENDERSON, Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed., Greensleeves, Stoke Prior, Worcs; H. R. I. WOLFE, M.S., F.R.C.S., Inglewood, 1, North Square, London, N.W.11.

Monday, July 14.—2.30 p.m. Treatment of Advanced Carcinoma of the Breast. Introduction, Dr. A. C. CROOKE (Birmingham); Adrenalectomy, Professor L. N. PYRAH (Leeds); Hypophysectomy, Mr. J. M. SMALL (Birmingham); Concluding remarks, Mr. J. B. HEDLEY ATKINS (London). 4.15 p.m. Restorative Resection for Carcinoma of the Rectum and Pelvi-rectal Junction, Mr. E. C. B. BUTLER (London). Pilonidal Sinus, Mr. A. J. H. RAINS (Birmingham).

Tuesday, July 15.—9.30 a.m. Hiatus Hernia, Mr. R. H. FRANKLIN (London) and Mr. A. M. DESMOND (London). Carcinoma of the Oesophagus, Sir STANFORD CADE (London) and Mr. J. L. COLLIS (Birmingham). 11.15 a.m. Short Papers: Cold Legs in Young People, Mr. G. W. TAYLOR (London); Management of Fractures of Jaw, Mr. R. O. WALKER (Birmingham).

Wednesday, July 16.—9.15 a.m. Combined meeting with Section of Child Health. Round-table Conference: The Right Age for Planned Surgery.

2.30 p.m. Combined meeting with Sections of Medicine and Gastro-enterology: Peptic Ulcer.

Thursday, July 17.—9.30 a.m. Combined meeting with Sections of Accident Surgery and Orthopaedics: The Treatment of Accidents in Small Communities. Opening speaker, Sir HARRY PLATT (Manchester); Main speakers, Professor F. A. R. STAMMERS (Birmingham), Mr. W. C. GISSANE (Birmingham); Other speakers, Mr. W. S. LEWIN (Oxford), Mr. T. G. LOWDEN (Sunderland), Dr. D. L. CROMBIE (G.P., Birmingham), Dr. C. T. MAITLAND (Ministry of Health).

OBSTETRICS AND GYNAECOLOGY

President: Professor H. C. MCLAREN, F.R.C.S.Ed., F.R.C.O.G., F.R.F.P.S. (Birmingham).

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Hon. Secretaries: JEAN R. C. BURTON-BROWN, M.D., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.O.G., Home Eden, 1, Fitzmary Avenue, Westbrook, Margate, Kent; R. BERNARD PARKER, M.B., M.R.C.O.G., 45, Selwyn Road, Birmingham, 16.

Monday, July 14.—2.30 p.m. Combined meeting with Section of General Practice. Occasional Papers: Significance of Speculum Appearances of the Cervix, Mr. M. J. D. NOBLE (Birmingham); Indications for Episiotomy and Methods of Perineal Repair, Mr. J. D. S. FLEW (London); Use of Pessaries in General Practice, Mr. W. G. MILLS (Birmingham); Traction on the Cord in the Third Stage of Labour, Mr. NORMAN KIMBELL (Peterborough).

Tuesday, July 15.—9.30 a.m. Combined meeting with Section of Child Health. Problems of the Neonatal Period. The Obstetrician's Responsibility for the Handicapped Child, Dr. FRANCES BRAID (Birmingham); Neonatal Cold Injury, Dr. T. MANN (Brighton); Respiratory Distress in the Newborn, Dr. R. J. K. BROWN (Cardiff); Changing Fashions in Resuscitation of the Newborn, Professor IAN DONALD (Glasgow).

Wednesday, July 16.—9.15 a.m. Round-table Conference: The Father's Place at the Confinement.

2.30 p.m. General Discussion on Dyspareunia, Professor A. M. CLAYE (Leeds), Professor ALEC AGNEW (Vancouver), Dr. SYLVIA MASSEY DAWKINS (London).

ACCIDENT SURGERY

President: W. C. GISSANE, Ch.M., F.R.C.S.Ed. (Birmingham).

Vice-Presidents: D. MACG. JACKSON, M.D., F.R.C.S. (Birmingham); WALPOLE S. LEWIN, M.S., F.R.C.S. (Oxford); T. G. LOWDEN, M.B., F.R.C.S. (Sunderland).

Hon. Secretaries: P. S. LONDON, M.B.E., M.B., F.R.C.S., 140, Sanford Road, Birmingham, 13; J. N. WILSON, M.B., Ch.M., F.R.C.S., Royal National Orthopaedic Hospital, Brockley Hill, Stanmore, Middlesex.

Thursday, July 17.—9.30 a.m. Combined session with Sections of Surgery and Orthopaedics. The Treatment of Accidents in Small Communities.

Friday, July 18.—2.30 p.m. Round-table Conference: The Prevention of Road Traffic Accidents. Chairman: Mr. WILLIAM GISSANE (Birmingham). Panel: Mr. G. F. ROWBOTHAM (Newcastle upon Tyne), Mr. E. J. DODD (Chief Constable, Birmingham), Mr. IVOR BUEB (a racing driver), Mr. W. T. WILLIAMS (Secretary, Society of Motor Manufacturers and Traders), Dr. R. J. SMEED (representing the Road Research Board). To be followed by two lectures on Severe and Multiple Injuries, Mr. RUSCOE CLARKE (Birmingham), Mr. DOUGLAS JACKSON (Birmingham).

ANAESTHETICS

President: B. L. S. MURTAGH, M.B., Ch.B., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A. (Birmingham).

Vice-Presidents: L. T. CLARKE, M.B., Ch.B., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A. (Birmingham); R. F. WOOLMER, V.R.D., M.B., B.Ch., F.F.A. R.C.S. (London).

Hon. Secretaries: W. COPE, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A., University College Hospital, London, W.C.1; J. MCNAUGHT INGLIS, M.B., Ch.B., F.F.A. R.C.S., D.A., 300, Bristol Road, Edgbaston, Birmingham, 5.

Wednesday July 16.—2.30 p.m. Spinals and Epidurals To-day. The Case for Spinals, Dr. J. D. ROBERTSON (Edinburgh); The Case for Epidurals, Dr. C. J. MASSEY DAWKINS (London); A Critical Evaluation of the Problem, Dr. J. ALFRED LEE (Southend). 4 p.m. Anaesthetists' Brains Trust. Chairman: Dr. H. W. FEATHERSTONE (Birmingham). Panel: Professor W. W. MUSHIN (Cardiff), Professor E. A. PASK (Newcastle upon Tyne), Dr. T. C. GRAY

(Liverpool), Dr. H. H. PINKERTON (Glasgow), Dr. W. D. WYLIE (London).

Thursday, July 17.—9.15 a.m. Anaesthesia for Chairside Dentistry. The Present Position of Nitrous Oxide, Dr. R. E. LEE (Birmingham); The Place for Intravenous Agents, Dr. J. A. YOUNG (Leeds). 10.50 a.m. Short Papers: Hypothermia for Neurosurgery, Dr. J. McN. INGLIS (Birmingham); Anaesthesia for *X*-ray Diagnosis, Dr. J. R. E. JENKINS (London); Cortisone and the Anaesthetist, Dr. J. P. PAYNE (London).

ANATOMY AND PHYSIOLOGY

President: Professor Sir SOLLY ZUCKERMAN, C.B., M.D., F.R.S. (Birmingham).

Vice-Presidents: A. C. CROOKE, M.D., M.R.C.P. (Birmingham); Professor R. J. HARRISON, M.A., M.D., D.Sc. (London); Professor A. ST. GEORGE HUGGETT, M.B., D.Sc., Ph.D., F.R.S. (London).

Hon. Secretaries: F. R. JOHNSON, M.D., Department of Anatomy, London Hospital Medical College, Turner Street, London, E.1; A. P. D. THOMSON, M.B.E., M.B., B.Sc., Department of Anatomy, the Medical School, Hospitals Centre, Birmingham, 15.

Monday, July 14.—2.30 p.m. Posture—Its Scientific Background and its Importance in Health: Some Laboratory Aspects of Posture. Opening speaker, Sir RUSSELL BRAIN (London); The Ultra-structure of Muscle, Dr. H. E. HUXLEY (London); The Muscle Spindles and Synapses, Professor RUTH BOWDEN (London); Nervous Gradation of Muscle Contraction, Dr. P. A. MERTON (Cambridge); Central Mechanisms of Balance, Dr. D. McDONALD (London). Occasional Paper: Professor DELMAS (Paris).

Tuesday, July 15.—9.30 a.m. Posture—Its Scientific Background and its Importance in Health: Posture in the Living Subject. Opening speaker, Mr. F. G. ALLAN (Birmingham); Electromyographic Studies, Dr. J. JOSEPH (London); Posture in the School-child, Dr. CECILE ASHER (London); Posture of the Trunk during the Lifting of Weights, Dr. P. R. DAVIS (London); Posture in Industry, Professor G. P. CROWDEN (London).

CARDIOLOGY

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Tuesday, July 15.—9.30 a.m. Combined session with Section of Thoracic Medicine and Surgery: Chest Pain. Ischaemic Heart Pain, Dr. G. W. HAYWARD (London); Cardiac-like Pain, Dr. W. EVANS (London); Neurotic Chest Pain, Dr. D. EVAN BEDFORD (London); Pleural Pain, Dr. P. FORGACS (London); Post-thoracotomy Pain, Dr. B. G. B. LUCAS (London); Oesophageal Pain, Mr. R. BELSEY (Bristol).

Wednesday, July 16.—2.30 p.m. Short Papers: Treatment of Pulmonary Heart Disease, Dr. K. W. DONALD (Birmingham); The Thyroid and Heart Disease, Dr. S. H. COOKSON (Bournemouth); Surgical Treatment of Congenital Heart Disease, Dr. C. G. PARSONS (Birmingham), Mr. IAN HILL (London); Myocardial Disease of Obscure Aetiology, Dr WALLACE BRIGDEN (London).

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Tuesday, July 15.—10 a.m. Combined meeting with Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Problems of the Neonatal Period.

Wednesday, July 16.—9.15 a.m. Combined meeting with Section of Surgery. Round-table Conference. The Right Age for Planned Surgery.

Thursday, July 17.—10 a.m. Vomiting in Infancy, Mr. A. L. D'ABREU (Birmingham), Dr. R. ASTLEY (Birmingham), Dr. B. WOOD (Birmingham), Dr. I. FORSHALL (Liverpool), Mr. A. GOUREVITCH (Birmingham).

Friday, July 18.—2.30 p.m. Combined meeting with Section of General Practice. Psychological Disorders in Childhood. General Practice, Dr. L. W. BATTEN (London), Dr. S. ABRAHAMS (London); Child Health, two speakers (to be nominated); Psychiatry, Dr. R. F. BARBOUR (Bristol).

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Friday, July 18.—9.30 a.m. Round-table Conference: Infantile Eczema. Chairman: Dr. BERNARD TATE (Birmingham). Panel: Dr. R. MASON BOLAM (Newcastle upon Tyne), Dr. R. T BRAIN (London), Dr. P. D. C. KINMONT (Derby), Dr. J. H. K. McCULLOUGH (Birmingham).

10.45 a.m. Demonstration of Cases.

2.30 p.m. Occasional Papers: Treatment of Warts, Dr. R. B. COLES (Northampton), Dr. J. H. HARTLAND (West Bromwich); Diagnosis and Treatment of Fungous Infections of the Extremities, Dr. A. J. E. BARLOW (Huddersfield), Dr. C. N. D. CRUICKSHANK (Birmingham), Dr. J. G. HOLMES (Coventry); Urticaria, Dr. G. A. GRANT PETERKIN (Edinburgh), Dr. G. A. HOLTI (Birmingham), Dr. R. WARIN (Bristol).

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Wednesday, July 16.—2.30 p.m. Combined meeting with Sections of Surgery and Medicine. Peptic Ulcer.

Thursday, July 17.—9.30 a.m. Round-table Conference: Diarrhoea. Chairman: Dr. AVERY JONES (London). Panel: Mr. B. N. BROOKE (Birmingham), Dr. C. F. HAWKINS (Birmingham), Dr. W. T. COOKE (Birmingham), Professor T. L. HARDY (Birmingham).

Friday, July 18.—9.30 a.m. Occasional Papers: Complications and Treatment of Cardiospasm, Mr. G. H. WOOLER (Leeds); After-histories of *X*-ray-negative Dyspepsias in General Practice, Dr. J. WHITBY (London); Relation of Peptic Ulcer in Coronary Disease and Gall-bladder Disease, Dr. G. WATKINSON (Leeds); Chronic Pancreatitis: the Physiological Basis of Treatment, Mr. RODNEY SMITH (London); Regional Ileitis, Dr. W. T. COOKE (Birmingham).

GENERAL PRACTICE

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Monday, July 14.—2.30 p.m. Combined meeting with Section of Obstetrics and Gynaecology. Occasional Papers.

Wednesday, July 16.—2.30 p.m. Occasional Papers: The Scope of Women in General Practice, Dr. ANNIS GILLIE (London); Treatment of the Acute Ear, Nose, and Throat, Mr. CHARLES GLEDHILL (Northampton); Paediatrics in General Practice To-day: Changes in Thirty Years, Dr. A. BEAUCHAMP (Birmingham); Management of Chronic Rheumatism in General Practice, Dr. L. J. BARFORD (Reigate, Surrey).

Friday, July 18.—2.30 p.m. Combined meeting with Section of Child Health. Psychological Disorders in Childhood.

GERIATRICS

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Friday, July 18.—9.30 a.m. Combined meeting with Section of Psychiatry. Confusional States in the Elderly. Professor MARTIN ROTH (Newcastle upon Tyne), Mr. L. Z. COSIN (Oxford), Dr. P. D. BEDFORD (Oxford), Dr. R. G. GIBSON (Winchester).

2.30 p.m. Falls in the Elderly. Dr. J. H. SHELDON (Wolverhampton), Dr. C. A. BOUCHER (Reading), Dr. MACDONALD CRITCHLEY (London), Mr. L. Z. COSIN (Oxford).

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Wednesday, July 16.—2.30 p.m. Neurological Disorders in Childhood. Encephalitis in Childhood, Dr. LUDO VAN BOGAERT (Antwerp); The Hypertonic Child, Dr. PAUL SANDIFER (London); The Hypotonic Child, Dr. JOHN WALTON (Newcastle upon Tyne); Hydrocephalus in Infancy, Mr. G. H. MACNAB (London); Intracranial Tumours in Childhood, Mr. R. CAMPBELL CONNOLLY (Birmingham).

Thursday, July 17.—9.30 a.m. Neurological Disease in Pregnancy and the Puerperium. Puerperal Cerebral Venous Thrombosis, Dr. J. PURDON MARTIN (London); The Epileptic in Relation to Pregnancy, Dr. HELEN DIMSDALE (London); Disseminated Sclerosis in Relation to Pregnancy, Professor P. C. P. CLOAKE (Birmingham); Obstetric Lumbosacral Palsies, Mr. J. E. A. O'CONNELL (London); Effect of Pregnancy on Tumours and Anomalies of the Nervous System, Mr. J. M. SMALL (Birmingham).

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Wednesday, July 16.—2.30 p.m. Assessment of the Value of Routine Medical Examinations in Industry. Introduction, Dr. RICHARD SCHILLING (London); Routine Examinations in Young Persons, Dr. R. E. SMITH (Coventry); Examination of Employees for Public Safety, Dr. P. A. B. RAFFLE (London); The Place of Routine Examinations in the Promotion of Health Amongst Industrial Executives, Dr. OTIS B. SCHREUDER (Medical Director, Atlantic Division, Pan-American Air Lines).

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Thursday, July 17.—9.30 a.m. Combined meeting with Sections of Surgery and Accident Surgery. The Treatment of Accidents in Small Communities.

Friday, July 18.—9.30 a.m. The Treatment of Tuberculosis of the Spine. Mr. M. C. WILKINSON (Braintree, Essex), Mr. R. ROAF (Oswestry), Mr. D. E. MACRAE (Alton, Hants). Occasional Papers: Artificial Limbs for Children, Dr. D. S. MCKENZIE (Roehampton); Treatment of Congenital Dislocation of the Hip in Adults, Mr. P. A. RING (London).

PATHOLOGY

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Friday, July 18.—9.30 a.m. Preparation and Use of Virus Vaccines, Professor C. H. STUART-HARRIS (Sheffield), Dr. J. A. DUDGEON (London); Use and Abuse of Hospital Laboratory by Hospital and General Practitioners, Dr. ALAN GRAY (London), Dr. P. KIDD (Worcester).

2.30 p.m. Neoplasia Induced by Irradiation, Professor G. M. WILSON (Sheffield), Dr. ALICE STEWART (Oxford); Neuropathy Associated with Carcinoma, Dr. W. T. SMITH (Birmingham).

PSYCHIATRY

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Wednesday, July 16.—2.30 p.m. Combined meeting with Section of Social and Preventive Medicine. The Amsterdam Plan for Domiciliary Care, Professor A. QUERIDO (Amsterdam); Roles of the Mental Hospital and the Community as Envisaged by the Royal Commission on Mental Illness, Dr. T. P. REES (London); The Needs of the Present Mental Hospital Population, Dr. C. R. LOWE (Birmingham), Dr. C. A. H. WATTS (Leicester).

Thursday, July 17.—9.30 a.m. Periodic Psychoses, Dr. J. L. CRAMMER (Birmingham); Drug Trials in Chronic Mental Patients, Dr. F. LETEMENDIA (Birmingham), Dr. R. A. B. RORIE (Dundee).

Friday, July 18.—9.30 a.m. Combined meeting with Section of Geriatrics. Confusional States in the Elderly.

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Wednesday, July 16.—2.30 p.m. Combined meeting with Section of Psychiatry.

Thursday, July 17.—9.30 a.m. Public Policy and Personal Health. The Hazards of Diagnostic Radiography: (*a*) an American Viewpoint, Professor B. MACMAHON (New York); (*b*) a British Viewpoint, Dr. ALICE STEWART (Oxford). Exercise and Health, Dr. H. M. SINCLAIR (Oxford); Alcohol and Road Accidents, Professor W. S. WALTON (London); Food and the Individual, Professor J. YUDKIN (London).

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Monday, July 14.—2.30 p.m. Cortisone in Lung Disease. Cortisone in Asthma, Dr. W. BROCKBANK (Manchester); Cortisone in Tuberculosis, Dr. N. W. HORNE (Edinburgh); Use of Cortisone in Sarcoidosis, Dr. HUGH SMELLIE (London); Use of Intravenous A.C.T.H. in Acute Sarcoidosis in Service Patients, Air Commodore C. A. RUMBALL (London); Cortisone in Pulmonary Fibroses, Dr. A. G. W. WHITFIELD (Birmingham); Complications in Cortisone Treatment, Dr. STEPHEN GOLD (London).

Tuesday, July 15.—9.30 a.m. Combined meeting with Section of Cardiology. Chest Pain.

PROVISIONAL TIME-TABLE OF MEETINGS

R.—Events available for members of Representative Body and Ladies accompanying them.
L.—Events primarily arranged for Ladies.
U.—Events for all Members and Ladies accompanying them.
*—Academic Robes should be worn.

Wednesday, July 9

4.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Annual Representative Meeting Inquiry Office open at the Great Hall, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston
4.30 to 6.30 p.m.—Ladies' Club open, Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road.
8.30 to 10.30 p.m.—R. Cocktail Party (by invitation of the Midland Branch) at the Grand Hotel.

Thursday, July 10

9.00 a.m.—Annual Representative Meeting Inquiry Office open at the Great Hall, University of Birmingham.
9.00 a.m.—Ladies' Club open, Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road.
10.00 a.m.—*Annual Representative Meeting* starts at the Great Hall, University of Birmingham.
10.30 a.m.—L. Morning Tour to Warwick.
11.00 a.m.—Welcome by the Lord Mayor of Birmingham at the Great Hall, University.
12.45 p.m.—L. All-day Tour to Worcester.
2.00 p.m.—L. Afternoon Tour to the Austin Motor Company.
2.00 p.m.—L. Afternoon Tour to Worcester.
3.00 p.m.—L. Tour of Barber Institute of Fine Arts.
7.30 p.m.—R. Dinner for Representatives and Ladies, Grand Hotel. (For 400.)
9.30 p.m. to 12.30 a.m.—R. Representatives' Dance, Grand Hotel.

Friday, July 11

9.00 a.m.—Annual Representative Meeting Inquiry Office open at the Great Hall, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston.
9.30 a.m.—Ladies' Club open, Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road.
9.30 a.m.—*Annual Representative Meeting.*
10.00 a.m.—L. All-day excursion to Coventry.
10.30 a.m.—L. Visit to Lichfield Cathedral (for 35). Lunch at Yoxall Lodge, by invitation of Dr. and Mrs. Featherstone (private cars).
1.00 p.m.—Overseas Luncheon, Edgbaston Golf Club (by invitation).
2.00 p.m.—L. Afternoon excursion to Coventry.
2.00 p.m.—L. Notts Ladies' Challenge Golf Competition, Edgbaston Golf Club.
2.30 p.m.—L. Visit to Sorrento Premature Baby Unit.
5.30 p.m.—Cocktail Party for Women Representatives and medical women accompanying Representatives, Birmingham (by invitation of the Birmingham and District Association of Medical Women's Federation).
7.30 p.m.—Edinburgh Graduates' Dinner, Medical Institute, 36, Harborne Road, Edgbaston. Ticket 30s.
7.30 p.m.—Visit to Shakespeare Memorial Theatre, Stratford-upon-Avon. (For 50.)
8.15 p.m.—Meeting for Doctors and Clergy, Grand Hotel, Birmingham.

Saturday, July 12

9.00 a.m.—Annual Representative Meeting Inquiry Office open at the Great Hall, University of Birmingham.
9.00 a.m.—*Council Meeting*, Board Room, Queen Elizabeth Hospital.
9.30 a.m.—Ladies' Club open.
10.00 a.m.—Jewish Service, Singers Hill Synagogue, Birmingham.
10.15 a.m.—*Annual Representative Meeting.*
10.30 a.m.—L. All-day excursion to the Cotswolds.
10.30 a.m.—L. Morning excursion to Stratford-upon-Avon.
10.30 a.m.—L. Tour of Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Medical School.
4.00 p.m.—Garden Party given by Doctors' Wives Association, University House.
7.30 p.m.—Glasgow Graduates' Dinner, Queen's Hotel. Ticket 30s.
7.30 p.m.—Welsh Dinner, Medical Institute, 36, Harborne Road. Ticket 27s. 6d.
7.30 for 8.00 p.m.—Irish Graduates' Dinner, Grand Hotel. Ticket 30s.
8.00 p.m.—Concert at the Barber Institute of Fine Arts and Tour of Galleries.
8.00 to 9.30 p.m.—Visit to Aston Hall and Evening Reception.

Sunday, July 13

9.30 a.m.—R. All-day excursion to Warwick Castle and Stratford-upon-Avon. (For 200.)
10.30 a.m.—Roman Catholic Service, St. Chad's Cathedral.
1.00 p.m.—Midland Catholic Medical Society Luncheon, Medical Institute, Harborne Road, Birmingham. Ticket 21s.
8.00 p.m.—Symphony Concert, Town Hall, Birmingham.

Monday, July 14

9.00 a.m.—Annual Representative Meeting Inquiry Office open at the Great Hall, University of Birmingham, Edgbaston.
9.00 a.m.—Reception Bureau for registration open in the Entrance Hall of the University, Edgbaston.
9.00 a.m.—Scientific Exhibition opens in the Forecourt of the University, Edgbaston.
9.00 a.m.—Exhibition of Pharmaceutical Products, Instruments, Appliances, and Medical Publications opens in the Forecourt of the University, Edgbaston.
9.30 a.m.—Ladies' Club open, Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road
9.30 to 12.00 noon.—*Scientific Sections*, University, Edgbaston.
10.00 a.m.—*Annual Representative Meeting.*
10.30 a.m.—L. Tour of Barber Institute of Fine Arts.
12.15 to 2.15 p.m.—Colour Television, Guild of Undergraduates' Union.
12.30 p.m.—*Annual General Meeting*, Great Hall, University. *Council Meeting* (on conclusion of A.R.M.), Board Room, Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

2.00 p.m.—L. Tour and Tea at Cadbury's.
2.30 p.m.—*Scientific Sections*, University, Edgbaston.
5.00 to 6.00 p.m.—B.M.A. Films, University.
8.15 p.m.—U.* *Adjourned Annual General Meeting and President's Address* at the Great Hall, University.
9.30 p.m.—U.* President's Reception, Nuffield House, Queen Elizabeth Hospital.

Tuesday, July 15

8.15 a.m.—Annual Breakfast of the Christian Medical Fellowship, Guild of Undergraduates' Union.
9.00 a.m.—Reception Bureau open for registration, Entrance Hall of the University.
9.00 a.m.—Scientific Exhibition open, Forecourt of the University.
9.00 a.m.—Exhibition of Pharmaceutical Products, Instruments, Appliances, and Medical Publications open in the Forecourt of the University.
9.30 a.m.—Ladies' Club open, Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road.
9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.—*Scientific Sections*, University.
10.30 a.m.—L. Tour to Studley Needle Industries and Ragley Hall, Alcester.
12.15 to 2.15 p.m.—Colour Television, Guild of Undergraduates' Union.
2.30 p.m.—L. Tour of Queen Elizabeth Hospital and Medical School.
2.45 p.m.—U.* Robing for Official Religious Service.
3.15 p.m.—U.* Official Religious Service, St. Philip's Cathedral. Address by the Rt. Rev. the Lord Bishop of Birmingham.
5.00 to 6.00 p.m.—B.M.A. Films, University.
7.30 p.m.—U. Annual Dinner at the Grand Hotel. (For 400.)

Wednesday, July 16

9.00 a.m.—Reception Bureau open for registration, Entrance Hall of the University.
9.00 a.m.—Scientific Exhibition open, Forecourt of the University.
9.00 a.m.—Exhibition of Pharmaceutical Products, Instruments, Appliances, and Medical Publications open in the Forecourt of the University.
9.15 to 10.15 a.m.—*Round-table Conferences*, University.
9.30 a.m.—Ladies' Club open, Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road.
9.30 to 12.00 noon.—*Scientific Sections*, University.
10.00 a.m.—Leinster and Childe Golf Competition, Edgbaston Golf Club.
10.30 to 12.00 noon.—*Scientific Plenary Session*, Mechanical Engineering Lecture Theatre, University: "Rehabilitation."
12.00 noon.—L. Fork lunch followed by Afternoon Tour to Packwood House.
12.15 to 2.15 p.m.—Colour Television, Guild of Undergraduates' Union.
2.00 p.m.—L. Visit to Austin Motor Company.
2.30 to 5.00 p.m.—*Scientific Sections*, University.
2.30 to 3.30 p.m.—President's official tour of Scientific Exhibition, Forecourt of University.
2.30 p.m.—L. Visit to Sorrento Premature Baby Unit.
3.00 p.m.—*Overseas Conference*, Westmere, Edgbaston Park Road. Annual Report of the Secretary of the Overseas Committee, followed by general discussion.
5.00 p.m.—"At Home" for Overseas Representatives and Delegates, Westmere, Edgbaston Park Road (by invitation), given by the Commonwealth Medical Advisory Bureau.
5.00 to 6.00 p.m.—B.M.A. Films, University.
8.00 to 11.00 p.m.—U.* Civic Reception and Ball, Council House.

Thursday, July 17

9.00 a.m.—Reception Bureau open for registration, Entrance Hall of the University.
9.00 a.m.—Scientific Exhibition open, Forecourt of the University.
9.00 a.m.—Exhibition of Pharmaceutical Products, Instruments, Appliances, and Medical Publications open in the Forecourt of the University.
9.30 a.m.—Ladies' Club open, Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road.
9.30 a.m. to 12.00 noon.—*Scientific Sections*, University.
10.00 a.m.—Treasurer's Cup Golf Competition, Little Aston Golf Club, Streetly.
12.15 to 2.15 p.m.—Colour Television, Guild of Undergraduates' Union.
2.15 p.m.—Doctors *v.* Clergy Cricket Match, Warwickshire County Cricket Ground.
2.30 p.m.—*Scientific Plenary Session*—Mechanical Engineering Lecture Theatre, University: "The Chemotherapy of Infections."
5.00 p.m.—U.* Convocation of University of Birmingham to award Honorary Degrees, Barber Institute of Fine Arts.
5.00 to 6.00 p.m.—B.M.A. Films, University.
8.30 to 12.00 midnight.—U.* University Reception and Dance, Great Hall, University.

Friday, July 18

9.00 a.m.—Reception Bureau open for registration, Entrance Hall of the University.
9.00 a.m.—Scientific Exhibition open, Forecourt of the University.
9.00 a.m.—Exhibition of Pharmaceutical Products, Instruments, Appliances, and Medical Publications open in the Forecourt of the University.
9.30 a.m.—Ladies' Club open, Winterbourne, Edgbaston Park Road.
9.30 a.m. to 12 noon.—*Scientific Sections*, University.
12.15 to 2.15 p.m.—Colour Television, Guild of Undergraduates' Union.
2.30 p.m.—*Scientific Sections*, University.

OVERSEAS COMMITTEE

A meeting of the Overseas Committee was held at B.M.A. House on March 14, with Professor D. E. C. MEKIE in the chair.

Overseas Service Subcommittee

The Committee proceeded to consider the report of the Overseas Service Subcommittee, which it set up in 1957 to consider conditions of employment in the overseas service. The report dealt with salaries, age of entry, age of retirement, and security of tenure. The Committee decided to submit the report to the Overseas Branches for comment.

Malta

The Committee considered a further dispute between the Medical Officers Union of Malta and the Government of Malta (see below). It was decided to make an offer of assistance in promoting a settlement.

Private Practice

A memorandum on the future of private practice in overseas territories, prepared by Professor D. E. C. MEKIE, was considered by the Committee. Professor C. A. WELLS suggested that the crux of the matter was contained in the statement: "Equally distressing is the manner in which there is no unity of voice by the private doctors in their approach to Government."

The Committee recommended that the memorandum should be laid before the Overseas Conference at the Annual Meeting in Birmingham.

Other Business

Other matters considered by the Committee included salary reviews in Mauritius and Fiji, terms for transfer and abolition of office in Northern Rhodesia and Nyasaland, proposals for a conference on filling medical appointments overseas, and a dispute between the medical profession and the Government in St. Kitts, Leeward Islands.

DISPUTE IN MALTA

B.M.A.'s MEDIATION SOUGHT

On March 12 the Malta Branch of the B.M.A. asked the Association to mediate with the Maltese Prime Minister, Mr. D. Mintoff, on a dispute which has arisen between the profession in Malta and the Maltese Government. The dispute is a sequel to a previous one (*Supplement*, April 21, 1956, p. 206) which culminated in the Maltese Government inviting a medical services commission, under the chairmanship

of Mr. L. Farrer-Brown, to review the medical service in Malta and make recommendations on its terms of employment (*Supplement*, May 5, 1956, p. 263, and November 10, 1956, p. 181). The Commission's report was published in 1957 (*Supplement*, February 23, 1957, p. 93). In discussions between the Medical Officers Union of Malta and the Maltese Government during 1957, the Government indicated that it was not prepared to implement certain of the Commission's recommendations. In particular it was not prepared to give the new advisory and executive board the powers which had been recommended by the Commission, and it refused the right to arbitration on terms and conditions of employment. It also refused to adopt the remuneration recommended in the Commission's report, on the grounds that a further review of Civil Service remuneration was to be undertaken.

Cessation of Government Work

On February 26 the Medical Officers Union threatened a repetition of the collective resignation which had been organized a year previously. The Maltese Minister of Health then announced in the Legislative Assembly that the Government would accept all resignations and that acceptance would imply immediate termination of service, and in that case the Government would disallow doctors all Government facilities, such as the use of hospitals and dispensaries. Further, all resigning medical officers occupying Government quarters would be required to vacate them forthwith. Continuity of service with its accruing benefits and rights would be forfeited, and doctors wishing to rejoin Government service at a future date would have to do so under a new contract and no consideration of past service would be taken.

The Medical Officers Union countered this by announcing that its members would not resign from Government service but that there would be a concerted cessation of Government work. A service for emergency cases would be continued and patients would be allowed to attend doctors privately. No date was fixed for this action to begin.

An exchange of correspondence between B.M.A. Headquarters and Mr. Mintoff is now in progress.

PRACTICE COMPENSATION

A deputation from the Association, consisting of Dr. S. WAND (Chairman of Council), Dr. A. B. DAVIES (Chairman of the G.M.S. Committee), and Dr. A. N. MATHIAS (Chairman of the Compensation and Superannuation Committee), met the Minister of Health on March 19 and discussed various matters in connexion with the administration of the fund which was set aside by the Government in 1948 to compensate doctors for the loss, under the N.H.S. Act, of the right to sell the goodwill of their practices.

DOMICILIARY CONSULTATIONS BY CHEST PHYSICIANS

As a result of representations by the Staff Side, Committee B of the Whitley Council has agreed that chest physicians should not be precluded from receiving a domiciliary consultation fee for visiting a case of tuberculosis, provided the patient is not under active treatment for the disease. Previously no fee was allowed for a visit made to any patient on the tuberculosis register of a chest clinic.

Correction.—The chairman of the Scottish Departmental Committee on the cost of prescribing in the National Health Service should have been recorded as Sir James Douglas, not Mr. J. B. Douglas (*Supplement*, March 22, p. 126).

HOSPITALITY

An Austrian doctor's daughter, aged 17, would like to stay with a British doctor's family during the summer, either as a paying guest or on an exchange basis. In the latter case the British girl would have to visit Austria before July. The Austrian doctor's son, aged 16, would also like to visit this country on a similar basis.

A Swiss doctor's daughter from Lausanne, aged 18, would like to stay with a British doctor's family, preferably in or near London, from July to September. She would come as a paying guest or on an *au pair* arrangement.

Would anyone interested please get in touch with Dr. R. A. Pallister, International Medical Advisory Bureau, B.M.A. House, Tavistock Square, London, W.C.1.

Questions Answered

We publish below a selection of those questions and answers which seem of general interest. It is regretted that it is not possible to supply answers to all questions submitted.

Eligibility for Pension

Q.—*In July I shall have completed ten years' superannuable service as a general practitioner on the list of an executive council. Shall I be eligible for a pension then, and how much will it be?*

A.—You are eligible for a pension provided you have then reached age 60 and you resign from the executive council list. The pension will amount to 1½% of your total superannuable remuneration throughout the ten years. Thus, if during the ten years you received £20,000 superannuable remuneration your pension will be £300 a year. To that will be added a lump sum retiring allowance of 1½% of total superannuable remuneration (£300) for a married man (whose widow, should he die, would receive a widow's pension) and 4½% (£900) for a single man or one who has been a widower throughout the ten years. The lump sum would be between those limits should the doctor's wife have died during the ten-year period.

Q.—*I have more than one appointment in the Health Service. Must I retire from all appointments before I can receive a pension?*

A.—Appointments on the lists of separate executive councils count as one, so you must retire from all before benefits become payable on these. Appointments with other "employing authorities" (for this purpose, regional hospital boards, boards of governors, or hospital management committees) are, however, treated separately for superannuation purposes. For instance, should you retire from a regional hospital board appointment after the age of 60 with ten years' service in that appointment you could receive a pension even although you continued an appointment with any other employing authority (for example, another regional hospital board or on an executive council's list). If you retired from a hospital appointment after reaching the age of 60 but before completing ten years in that appointment, you could only receive certain limited benefits in spite of the fact that you continued in contract with another employing authority.

NEWS IN BRIEF

B.M.A. LECTURE.—Professor J. Rotblat gave a B.M.A. lecture to the Finchley Division on January 31 on the use of radioactive isotopes in medicine.

CHAIRMAN OF WELSH COMMITTEE.—Sir Tudor Thomas has been elected chairman of the B.M.A. Welsh Committee.

Correspondence

Because of heavy pressure on our space, correspondents are asked to keep their letters short.

The Royal Commission and After

SIR,—Some of the evidence put before the Royal Commission has now been made public, and equal prominence appears to have been given in the press to the opinions of minority groups as to that of the larger organizations representing the majority of the profession. Most medical men who have watched the evolution first of the idea of a National Health Service, and then of the Service itself, have firm views as to the conditions under which they were prepared to enter. It follows from this that the sphere of conflict with the Government over pay and terms of service is restricted in advance. We know full well that we accepted one or other of the Spens formulae, and regard the prime objectives of the Royal Commission as clarifying the cost-of-living issue and various other lesser problems which have arisen. It would therefore seem evident that there are limits within which the Royal Commission may report and yet gain acceptance by the profession. Outside these limits we should be faced with the negation of Spens. In a leading article in *The Times* of January 21 there occurred the remark that "the Royal Commission on doctors' pay has a solid task to perform [but] has also enabled the Government to postpone an awkward financial commitment." It is this last word on which I wish to lay emphasis.

It is to be hoped that the report of the Royal Commission, when it appears, will be satisfactory from the doctors' point of view. On the other hand, the appointment of a Royal Commission was an arbitrary decision, apparently by the Prime Minister, and the profession was in no way consulted. The claim for recompense for depreciation in the value of money was made by a joint negotiating committee representing both the general practitioner and hospital medical staffs. Unity vanished when one party of this joint body agreed to give evidence to a Royal Commission without prior consultation with the other. In fairness it must be conceded that the consultant element was not taken fully into counsel over the proposed phased withdrawal of general practitioners from the Health Service, and many were opposed to this.

This letter is a plea for the restitution of the Joint Negotiating Committee to consider in advance what action to recommend if the report is unacceptable to the profession. This is especially necessary, since the report, when it appears, may provide the Government with the means to attempt to divide the profession. Most of us mistrust politicians, and will be affronted if recompense for the devaluation of money is not granted to us in comparable proportions to that which the Members of Parliament have voted for themselves, and which many other people have already received.

It is ominous that the claims of other groups working in the Health Service, notably the radiographers and the clerical staffs, have so far been treated on grounds of expediency and not merit. Let us hope the Government recognizes the deep underlying resentment felt by doctors, and that the Royal Commission will recommend methods of redress which a Government will grant without delay. Prudence, however, demands we should insure our own future, and, provided our ranks are closed, unity is a powerful weapon if a time of conflict lies ahead. We have been forewarned by events—let us now be forearmed and ready. A watchdog who shows his teeth may never need to bite.—I am, etc.,

Dorchester. T. V. COOPER.

Merit Awards

SIR,—The recent correspondence in your columns reveals quite clearly that the subject of distinction awards causes severe emotional disturbances among some people. It is not clear how large a proportion of the profession as a whole or of consultants in particular is thus disturbed, but it is perfectly clear that many consultants on the staff of non-teaching hospitals believe that an excessive proportion of awards go to consultants attached to teaching hospitals. This belief leads to envy, and if not checked must lead to a division between the two groups of consultants. Some people even go so far as to say that in specialty X you have no chance of a B or A award unless you have worked under XY or one of his cronies.

The envy which has already been expressed in your columns is obviously stimulated by the belief that the awards are for "merit." The idea of "merit" has a large penumbra of uncertainty, because it carries a connotation of fundamental and permanent excellence, and it is this connotation which leads to envy and other emotional disturbances. I believe that the awards are properly described as for "distinction," a term much more easily defined, comparatively easily estimated, and without the connotation of fundamental excellence which causes "merit awards" to be so criticized. To say that Dr. X is more distinguished than Dr. Y is no insult to Dr. Y: but to say that Y is less meritorious than X is insulting. The original Spens report recognized this difference, and preferred the term "distinction award," although it referred to the "merit" of individuals.

Recently I had occasion to seek the views of my colleagues on the secrecy of awards, and in the course of the inquiry I learnt a little about their views on the awards in general. Of about 50 consultants, about five were vehemently opposed to any kind of award, and about the same number were vigorous supporters. The remaining 80% seemed to have no strong views, and certainly did not regard the matter as one involving any fundamental principle. The younger men, on the whole, favoured publication of awards; the older ones, secrecy; and the balance of opinion was slightly, but only slightly, in favour of secrecy.

For my part, I submit that some form of superscale appointment is necessary to keep the profession of medicine comparable financially with other professions. It is well known that a man of ability can earn a salary of the order of four to five thousand pounds in industry, and without the chance of earning comparable sums many of our most able candidates might well choose to enter industry instead of a free profession. Whether this would be any loss to the free profession may be questioned, but my own feelings are that, in a society constituted as ours, there is less and less room for the idealist who regards the satisfaction of his own ego as more important than the maintenance of his family in a reasonable standard of living. It will be noticed that the Church, which has taken the opposite view, has now increasing difficulty in staffing its varied appointments.

I think the balance of advantage lies with the retention of distinction awards, and the publication thereof either to the world as a whole or to those of our colleagues who are sufficiently interested to travel to the Ministry of Health to consult the official list—and who would probably not be numerous.—I am, etc.,

London, N.W.10. GEORGE DISCOMBE.

SIR,—I have been surprised to read so much criticism of the whole structure of the merit award system in the last few weeks, and feel that there are many good things about it, and that in operation it works well. Although the awards are secret, and most consultants say nothing directly, it is not difficult to diagnose recent awards among colleagues from the eruption of new cars, holidays abroad, and so on. Judging from this, I must say that those showing signs of awards are almost without exception just those consultants one would have thought most worthy.

The element of secrecy is, however, surely undesirable—if a consultant has been distinguished in this way, it is simply another higher qualification and should appear in the *Medical Directory*, along with other qualifications, orders, and decorations, for all the world to see and assess. If a senior should feel piqued at the selection of one of his

juniors when he has been ignored, let him note well the implication and seek to take his proper place by deserving an award himself.

I would, however, urge some discrimination in favour of whole-time consultants. After all, a part-timer gets his award at a time when his private practice is flourishing and possibly when he has least actual need of it, but the whole-timer is so much the worse off from imposition of taxes that he badly needs the encouragement and the financial support offered by an award.

By the way, is it a fact that awards are given almost as a matter of course to all Fellows of the Royal College of Physicians and to all consultants over the age of 40 on London teaching hospitals ?—I am, etc.,

Hove. E. MILLINGTON.

Prospects of Senior Registrars

SIR,—I was very interested in Professor Perrin H. Long's letter concerning possible openings for British senior registrars in the U.S.A. (*Supplement*, March 1, p. 93). I would particularly like to know at what level the "excellent openings" are likely to be found. I have recently applied for some surgical residencies at American hospitals through advertisements in the *Journal*. One very reputable hospital, in California, replied saying that, although my "curriculum vitae is a very impressive one," nevertheless State law requires that I must first be licensed to practise medicine in the State, and to qualify for licensure I must first serve two years of internship in an American hospital. I was also told that "to be eligible to intern in a Californian hospital I must sit for a qualifying examination given by the State Board Examiners." It was therefore suggested that I "be carried in an unofficial capacity as a hospital assistant" until I felt prepared to sit the qualifying examination. No salary for this post was mentioned in the letter.

While I agree that compliance with local laws on licensure is necessary and perhaps desirable, I doubt if many registrars in this country can afford to accept a post at pre-pre-registration level for two years or more. Most senior registrars are married and have children to support, so that under the conditions described emigration to the U.S.A. is economically impossible for them. But, apart from financial considerations, one can imagine the disadvantages of two years enforced internship to a surgical registrar who is used to doing all minor and major operating in his specialty. If Professor Long is implying that "excellent openings" exist at consultant level in hospitals, or in private practice groups, then it is to be hoped that the British and American Medical Associations will co-operate to make such openings known to interested senior registrars.—I am, etc.,

Winford, Somerset. I. J. MACQUEEN.

SIR,—I was interested to read Professor Perrin H. Long's letter (*Supplement*, March 1, p. 93) which suggests that well-trained senior registrars might find excellent openings in the U.S.A.

There are many excellent openings here in all medical specialties. There is not, however, an open-hearted welcome generally towards graduates of foreign medical schools, which Dr. Long extends towards well-trained British senior registrars. There are formidable hurdles to be surmounted before being allowed full medical licensure in any state. An examination embracing all subjects from and including 2nd M.B. must be passed. When this has been passed in one state other states may give reciprocity of licensure as is given to graduates of U.S. medical schools. However, 31 of the 38 states which will admit graduates of foreign medical schools will not grant such reciprocity.[1] Hence a move into another state may well involve complete re-examination. The same source of information will reveal that 12 months of internship may be required in the United States. Finally, having done the penance of a second internship and surmounted the ordeal of re-examination, the immigrant physician will find that he is still not considered suitable for medical licensure in 34 states because he is not a citizen of the U.S.A. In a number of states, the sworn declaration of intention to become a United States citizen is enough; in others, citizenship is essential and this usually takes five years to acquire. However, once he is established the expatriate ex-senior registrar will find that he can enjoy a good living in a country where effort is well rewarded.—I am, etc.,

Ann Arbor, Mich., U.S.A. BERNARD NAYLOR.

REFERENCE

[1] *J. Amer. med. Ass.*, 1957, **164**, 444.

Future of General Practice

SIR,—I was very interested in Drs. J. K. H. McCullough and J. D. V. Griffiths's letter (*Supplement*, March 15, p. 114). All G.P.s are, I am sure, in full agreement with the sentiments expressed in raising the standards of general practitioners with the aid of *x*-rays, E.C.G., and so on. I do not, however, see how G.P.s are either to afford the expense of providing the apparatus or to spare the time necessary to carry out the investigations under the present National Health Service.

The criteria for providing the doctor with the necessary initiative and time can only be brought about by (1) patients becoming more responsible in their demands of the doctor, (2) doctors being paid for separate items of service. The first undoubtedly means that patients who can so afford should make part payment. In my opinion, unless these two principles form the foundation of the medical service of the future, no improvement in the standard of medical services can be expected—indeed, the opposite will quite likely occur.

In the event of no such change in the constitution of the present National Health Service occurring, it would appear that a full-time salaried service of, say, a 40-hour week, and extra payment for overtime, night work, etc., will be not only inevitable but the only satisfactory solution, giving doctors the necessary time for postgraduate study without undue financial preoccupation.—I am, etc.,

Enfield, Middlesex. D. S. PIPER.

H.M. Forces

Surgeon Rear-Admiral D. F. Walsh, O.B.E., and Surgeon Captain G. Phillips, R.N., have been appointed Honorary Surgeons to the Queen, in succession to Surgeon Rear-Admiral S. G. Weldon, C.B.E., and Surgeon Captain E. B. Pollard, R.N., respectively.

Surgeon Captain W. P. E. McIntyre, R.N., has been appointed an Honorary Physician to the Queen, in succession to Surgeon Rear-Admiral A. A. Pomfret, C.B., O.B.E.

A *Supplement* to the *London Gazette* has announced the following awards:

Third Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.—Major (Acting Lieutenant-Colonel) B. St. J. Steadman, T.D. (now A.E.R.), R.A.M.C.

Second Clasp to the Territorial Efficiency Decoration.—Lieutenant-Colonels J. P. W. Hughes, T.D., and J. E. Morrish, T.D., and Major G. W. Thomas, T.D., R.A.M.C.

Territorial Efficiency Decoration.—Major A. J. M. Reese, R.A.M.C.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Major-General D. Bluett, C.B., O.B.E., Q.H.P., has been appointed Colonel Commandant, R.A.M.C., in succession to Major-General R. D. Cameron, C.B., C.B.E., M.C., whose tenure has expired.

Major J. G. S. Holman, M.C., to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Short Service Commissions.—Captains J. A. Hanley and R. Wilson to be Majors.

Captain A. B. L. Peake to be Major.

REGULAR ARMY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

Lieutenant-General Sir Neil Cantlie, K.C.B., K.B.E., M.C., late R.A.M.C., having attained the age limit of liability to recall, has ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Class III.—Captain (Honorary Major) D. H. Niblett has ceased to belong to the Reserve of Officers, on appointment to a commission in the R.C.A.F.

ARMY EMERGENCY RESERVE OF OFFICERS

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Lieutenant-Colonel (Acting Colonel) B. Holden, T.D., to be Colonel.

Major (Acting Colonel) J. A. Simons to be Lieutenant-Colonel, retaining the acting rank of Colonel.

Major (Acting Lieutenant-Colonel) B. B. Hickey, T.D., to be Lieutenant-Colonel.

Captain (Acting Lieutenant-Colonel) A. N. Exton-Smith to be Major.

Captain (Acting Major) R. C. King, from T.A., to be Captain, retaining the acting rank of Major.

TERRITORIAL ARMY

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS

Colonel A. T. B. Dickson, O.B.E., T.D., has been appointed Honorary Colonel, No. 2, Scottish General Hospital, R.A.M.C., T.A., in succession to Colonel I. G. W. Hill, C.B.E., T.D., tenure expired.

Lieutenant-Colonels (Acting Colonels) C. H. Imrie, T.D., G. M. Warrack, D.S.O., O.B.E., T.D., A. E. K. Price, T.D., E. F. Baines, T.D., and A. Willcox, T.D., to be Colonels.

Lieutenant-Colonel E. Grey-Turner, M.C., T.D., has been granted the acting rank of Colonel.

Major (Acting Colonel) E. H. Hanson, T.D., to be Lieutenant-Colonel, retaining the acting rank of Colonel.

Majors (Acting Lieutenant-Colonels) M. F. Ronayne, O.B.E., T.D., J. S. Binning, R. S. Taylor, O.B.E., T.D., A. S. Bookless, T.D., and D. W. Mayman to be Lieutenant-Colonels.

Major (Acting Lieutenant-Colonel) C. Weymes has relinquished the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Majors J. D. Matthews, M. M. Herbert, M. Hatton, and J. J. A. Reid have been granted the acting rank of Lieutenant-Colonel.

Major J. L. Whitmore, M.B.E., Reserve of Officers, to be Major.

Major W. Kelly, T.D., having attained the age limit, has retired, retaining the rank of Major.

Captain G. P. T. Barclay has been granted the acting rank of Major.

Captains T. J. Parkinson, D. L. Phillips, M. Hatton, and A. Maclean to be Majors.

HER MAJESTY'S OVERSEAS CIVIL SERVICE

The following appointments have been announced: G. L. Balgobin, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., Senior Medical Officer of Health, Mauritius; V. Blackman, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Pathologist, Tanganyika; C. C. Draper, B.M., B.Ch., D.T.M.&H., D.P.H., Medical Research Officer, Grade I, East Africa High Commission; M. T. Gillies, M.B., B.Ch., D.T.M.&H., Medical Research Officer, Grade I, Entomologist, Malaria Institute, Tanganyika, East Africa High Commission; Velta S. Nicholson, M.R.C.S., D.P.H., Medical Officer of Health, Jamaica; E. H. Wallace, M.B., Ch.B., D.O., Specialist Ophthalmologist, Sarawak; Violet E. Dadds, M.B., Ch.B., Lady Medical Officer, Northern Nigeria; F. P. D. Easby, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Medical Officer, Grade A, Government Hospital, Barbados; P. L. Fieldus, M.D., Medical Officer, Northern Rhodesia; K. Slawinski, M.D., M. B. Watts, M.B., B.S., D.R.C.O.G., D.C.H., and T. G. Evans, M.B., B.Ch., Medical Officers, Sarawak; G. M. Lorde, L.R.C.P.&S.Ed., L.R.F.P.S., Assistant Medical Officer, St. Lucia; J. F. McCourt, M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Medical Officer (Special Grade), Kenya; R. C. Patel, M.S., F.R.C.S., Medical Officer "B" (Surgeon), Health Department, Trinidad; G. Pringle, M.B., B.S., D.T.M.&H., Senior Medical Research Officer, East Africa High Commission; D. R. Raw, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Kenya; D. M. Digues-La-Touche, M.B., B.S., D.P.H., Medical Officer, Grade B (Public Health), Trinidad; G. F. Conway, M.B., Ch.B., D. G. G. Greenaway, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., and K. E. A. Underwood-Ground, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.T.M.&H., Medical Officers, Uganda; C. W. Davies, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Deputy Director of Medical Services, Uganda; Margaret E. Galt Gamble, L.R.C.P.&S.I. and L.M., D.P.H., Senior Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, Ghana; W. H. R. Lumsden, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M.&H., Director, East African Trypanosomiasis Research Organization, East Africa High Commission; J. R. McGregor, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.P., Specialist Physician, Northern Region, Nigeria; G. McHugh, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M.&H., Principal Medical Officer, Ministry of Health, Ghana; D. H. Mackay, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.T.M.&H., Medical Superintendent, Nairobi, Kenya; R. M. Mitchell, M.B., Ch.B., F.R.F.P.S., Special Grade Medical Officer, Tanganyika; J. R. Raffray, M.D., Deputy Director of Medical Services, Mauritius; P. I. Atkinson, M.B., C.P.H., Medical Officer, Northern Region, Nigeria; A. P. Brahman, M.B., B.S., Medical Officer, British Guiana; J. H. Chick, M.B., Ch.B., Medical Officer, Tanganyika; H. J. P. Diggory, M.B., Ch.B., D.T.M.&H., Medical Officer, Grade "C," Trinidad; J. P. Donnelly, L.R.C.P.&S.I., Medical Officer, Grade "B," Institutions, Trinidad; N. G. Moitra, M.D., D.M.R.E., Radiologist, Trinidad.

Association Notices

PROPOSED MID-GLAMORGAN DIVISION

Notice is hereby given by the Council to all concerned of a proposal to form a Mid-Glamorgan Division of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch; the area of the new Division to comprise: Urban Districts of Bridgend, Porthcawl, Ogmore and Garw, Maesteg, and Glyncorrwg: Municipal Boroughs of Neath and Port Talbot; Rural Districts of Penybont and Neath.

Any member affected by these proposals and objecting thereto should write to the Secretary of the Association by April 26, 1958.

A. MACRAE,
Secretary.

Diary of Central Meetings

APRIL

2	Wed.	Assistants and Young Practitioners Subcommittee (G.M.S. Committee), 2 p.m.
2	Wed.	Professional Co-ordination Committee, 2 p.m.
10	Thurs.	Central Consultants and Specialists Executive, 2 p.m.
15	Tues.	Royal Commission Evidence Committee, 11 a.m.
16	Wed.	Private Practice Committee, 11 a.m.
16	Wed.	Public Relations Committee, 2 p.m.
17	Thurs.	G.M.S. Committee, 10.30 a.m.
18	Fri.	Public Health Committee, 2 p.m.

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2	Fri.	Hospital Junior Staffs Group Council, 2 p.m.
8	Thurs.	Planning Subcommittee, Occupational Health Committee, 10.30 a.m.

Branch and Division Meetings to be Held

BRADFORD DIVISION.—At Medical Societies' Room, Bradford Royal Infirmary, Wednesday, April 2, 8.15 p.m., meeting. Address by Dr. Francis E. Camps: "Was Justice Done?"

BROMLEY DIVISION.—At Bromley Hospital, Wednesday, April 2, 8.15 for 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting followed by clinical meeting. Professor Charles Rob: "Arterial Grafting and Its Effect on General Medicine"

CAMBERWELL DIVISION.—At Dulwich Hospital, East Dulwich Grove, S.E., Tuesday, April 1, 8.45 p.m., meeting. Address by Dr. D. P. Stevenson (Deputy Secretary, B.M.A.): "Review of the Problems Facing the Medical Profession after Ten Years of the N.H.S." Questions will also be answered.

EAST NORFOLK DIVISION.—At Green Lounge, Bell Hotel, Norwich, Wednesday, April 2, 8.30 p.m., meeting. Dr. A. H. Gregson: "Case of Intermittent Subacute Glaucoma Treated by Diamox."

GLASGOW DIVISION.—At Glasgow Regional Office, 234, St. Vincent Street, Glasgow, Thursday, April 3, 8.30 p.m., annual meeting.

HARROW DIVISION.—At Tithe Farm House, Eastcote Lane, South Harrow, Tuesday, April 1, 8.45 p.m., clinical meeting. Address by Mr. I. G Williams: "Some Problems Concerning the Treatment of Cancer of the Breast" (illustrated).

ISLE OF WIGHT DIVISION.—At Unity Hall, Newport, Tuesday, April 1, 3.30 p.m., meeting to which all medical practitioners on the island are invited to discuss major disasters procedure.

LEWISHAM DIVISION.—At Lewisham General Hospital, High Street, S.E., Tuesday, April 1, 8.30 p.m., meeting. Dr. William Evans: "Hypertension."

NORTH MIDDLESEX DIVISION.—At Committee Room, North Middlesex Hospital, Silver Street, Edmonton, N., Monday, March 31, 8.45 p.m., meeting. B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. E. M. Miller (U.S.A.): "Observations on the Surgical Management of Carcinoma of the Colon and Rectum." Members of Enfield and Potters Bar Division and medical guests are invited.

TYRONE DIVISION.—At Tyrone County Hospital, Omagh, Sunday, March 30, 3.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

WALLASEY DIVISION.—At Hotel Victoria, New Brighton, Tuesday, April 1, 8.30 p.m., annual general meeting.

WEST DERBYSHIRE DIVISION.—At Out-patient Department, Whitworth Hospital, Wednesday, April 2, 8.30 p.m., joint meeting with West Derbyshire Medical Society.

WEST NORFOLK DIVISION.—At Wenns Hotel, King's Lynn, Saturday, March 29, 8.30 p.m., meeting. B.M.A. Lecture by Dr. Culver Barker: "The Psychological Contribution to Professional Strain."

Meetings of Branches and Divisions

PADDINGTON DIVISION

The annual general meeting was held at St. Mary's Hospital on December 10, 1957. The following officers were re-elected:

Chairman.—Dr. Z. Green.

Secretary and Treasurer.—Dr. P. F. Kennish.

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